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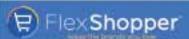




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#### **GUN CONTROL VICTORY**

The Supreme Court rejected a challenge by gun rights activists to a Chicago suburb's ordinance banning assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, handing a victory to gun control advocates amid a fierce debate over the nation's firearms laws. The 2013 ordinance passed by the city of Highland Park, Illinois, will remain in place. REUTERS



#### TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump on Monday called for a ban on Muslims entering the United States in the most dramatic response by a candidate yet to a shooting spree last week by two Muslims who the FBI said were radicalized. Trump's "statement on preventing Muslim immigration" drew fierce criticism from some of his rivals for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, all of whom have been searching for ways to knock him out of

#### NO NATO GROUND TROOPS

NATO has ruled out sending ground troops to fight against Islamic State militants in Syria, NATO General Secretary Jens Stoltenberg told a Swiss newspaper, stressing the need to bolster local forces in the conflict. "That is not on the agenda of the coalition and the NATO allies," he told the Tages-Anzeiger paper. REUTERS





Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said on Monday that he would soon announce changes to the national alert system to warn the public about terrorism risks. The changes come amid fresh concerns about terrorism in the United States. The National Terrorism Advisory System is triggered by specific, credible information on a possible threat. REUTERS



#### TERRORISM ALERT SYSTEM | MENORAH VANDALIZED

Police are investigating whether a menorah that was apparently vandalized two nights in a row at an Upper East Side Park was the result of a beat. Side Park was the result of a hate crime. The menorah, set up at Carl Schurz Park, first suffered minor damage on Saturday night, according to Chabad.org, which added that a passerby apparently picked up the menorah shortly afterward. The following evening, authorities believe it was knocked over again and was more severely damaged. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

#### **CONEY ISLAND RAPE**

A man raped and robbed a woman in a Coney Island building at gunpoint before robbing a second woman an hour later, police said. A 20-yearold woman was grabbed from behind and pulled into a stairwell where he raped her and removed her cash and keys before fleeing down the stairs. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA



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# Fines, jail for stiffing freelancers: Bill

The legislation introduced Monday is hailed as the first of its kind nationwide to protect independent \_contractors.

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Art director and illustrator Lucy Reading-Ikkanda said it took six months to get paid the \$17,500 one of her contract employers owed her for work she already did.

"If I had not invested those many hours chasing down payment, who knows how long I would have waited for that check," she said.

Reading-Ikkanda is one of an estimated 1.3 million freelance workers across the five boroughs who may be afforded equal protections to secure money owed to them under a new law introduced by the city council on Monday.

Hailed as the first of its kind in the country, the bill would require that any company seeking to hire a contract worker follow through with a contract that describes the job, the pay, when it's due and how it will be submitted. Employers who fail to keep their contract will be reported to the city's Department of Consumer Affairs, which could penalize violators with up to \$5,000 in fines. Criminal charges could even include up to three months

"Companies know that there are immediate, serious and costly repercussions for failing to pay the electric company on time," Reading-Ikkanda said. "There are no such repercussions for failing to pay their contractors on time."

In order to be eligible under the proposed law, a freelance worker must



Brad Lander **PROVIDE** 

be hired or retained as an independent contractor to provide services valued at at least \$200. That doesn't include certain sales representatives or attorneys.

The law introduced Monday would also exclude any level of government from having to comply with the law — including the city or any other local government

and counties.

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services, which besides management of public properties and citywide equipment, oversees recruitment of more than 150 contracts for a range of services.

Asked about why the city was protected under the current language in

the bill, one of the bill's chief sponsors, Brooklyn Councilman Brad Lander, told reporters he would investigate.

"I have to look into that," he said. "We have to make sure the city isn't stiffing its freelancers."

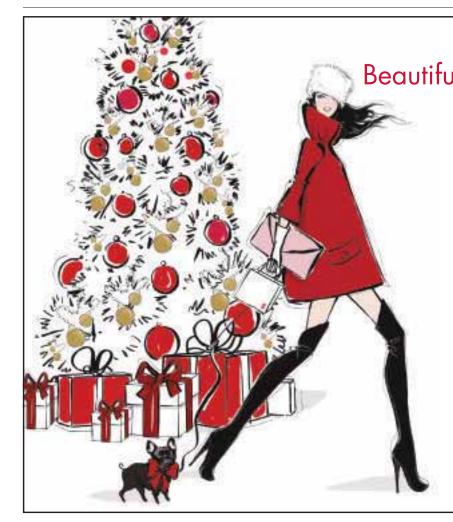
Lander said that his office had not yet heard of any pushback by business community leaders or companies against the bill, though the conversation will start in earnest now that the bill has been introduced.

"Employers realize that this is an important group to keep in New York," said Sara Horowitz, director of the Freelancers Union, the Brooklyn-based group that helped launch a sustained campaign to bring the bill about. "A good and well-run c o m p a n y doesn't have to stiff workers to turn a profit," she added.

The Freelancers Union estimated that workers working under contract lose some \$6,390 in unpaid

work every year, which Brooklyn Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo said is a hard reality for New Yorkers working in the socalled "gig economy." "Our freelancers are

"Our freelancers are what make New York City cool. They are the creative and economic workforce that makes New York where everybody wants to be," Cumbo said. "We have to make sure they can afford to pay their rent, that they have health care and ultimately that they can raise a family."



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This year marks the seventh

anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor-in-chief. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age

Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It

is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

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# **Seized Bklyn** rabbits up for adoption

Fifty of the rabbits seized from a hoarder in Gowanus are up for adoption on Saturday.



TRACY LEE @MetroNewYork

Rabbits rescued nursed back to health from the home of an accused Brooklyn hoarder almost a year ago will be up for adoption on Satur-

Fifty of the 180 seized rabbits can be adopted for a fee of \$25 in an event hosted by the ASPCA and NYPD at the Central Park Zoo entrance and Union Square.

Seized last January over two different days — including during a blizzard — at the home of Dorota Trec in Gowanus, the rabbits were "living in squalid conditions," according to the ASPCA.

Trec, who was charged with animal neglect, allegedly kept the rabbits in overcrowded conditions. None were spayed or neutered and many suffered

from illnesses and malnutrition, according to ASPCA, which examined the rabbits.

Trec's trial is scheduled tentatively for next month and she faces up to a year in jail if convicted, according to the Brooklyn district attorney's office.

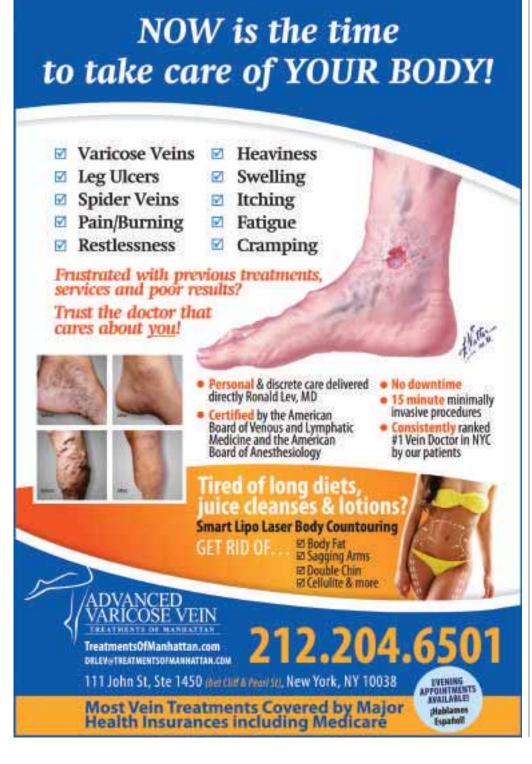
The rabbits have been under the care of St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, New Jersey, as well as at the Ani-Care Animal Hospital in Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

Many since then have had litters and, according to ASPCA, 150 rabbits went to Ani-Care Animal Hospital, while 77 went to St. Ĥubert's.

"These rabbits have demonstrated an incredible level of resilience and are more than ready for the comforts of a permanent home," said Howard Lawrence, vice president of the ASPCA Anti-Cruelty Group.

The adoption fee also includes a cage and water bottle with each rabbit. The rabbits have been spayed and neutered. Interested adopters should bring a photo ID and proof

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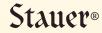
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Though the original test marketed by 23andMe covered 254 potential health issues, it had to narrow its claims to 36 hereditary diseases to gain the FDA's blessing.

The new test, which costs \$200, also covers three other categories of information such as ancestry, traits such as the likelihood of baldness and lactose intolerance, and general wellness information like muscle type and caffeine sensitivity.



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But unless it turns out your father is not the man you call Dad, there aren't likely to be any surprises.

"If you wanted to spend money on something — say, \$200 for a gene test — spend \$200 to join a fitness club," recommends Dr. Arthur L. Caplan, a professor in NYU Langone Medical Center's Division of Medical Ethics.

Unless you're having a baby, have family history of a specific disease or are receiving treatment for cancer, which has begun including genetic typing of tumors, there's a rea-

son genetic testing is not a routine part of medical treatment — yet. Caplan describes genetic test results as a "fire hose" of information, most of which medicine hasn't decoded.

Not to mention "many of the things that they might find you at risk of getting, all you need to do is change your lifestyle — because that's about all we know how to tell you to do."

Knowing can also have its pitfalls, making it harder to buy disability or life insurance, which is not covered by the Affordable Care Act's preexisting condition mandate.

"Americans are too obese, they drink too much, they don't wear their seatbelts, they engage in risky sex — these are all things you can control without a genetic test," Caplan points out. "The big risk factors are environmental or behavioral, they're not genetic."

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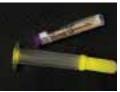
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As the number of opioidrelated deaths in New York City increased by 56 percent in the last five years, pharmacies across the five boroughs will soon offer medication without a prescription to prevent overdoses.

Most of Rite Aid's almost 100 locations will offer the medication known as naloxone — which can be either injected or inhaled nasally — that Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett said can "will save more lives and reduce deaths."

CVS and other independent pharmacies will offer the medication, widely used to treat hero-



Naloxone GETTY IMAGES

in overdoses, by the end of the month. The city is still in discussions with Duane Reade and Walgreens.

CVS already offers the treatment without prescriptions in 14 states, including New Jersey.

"Deaths due to overdose are completely preventable," Bassett told reporters in Staten Island on Monday. "In order to recover, you need to stay alive. Naloxone can help you do that."

There were 797 unintentional overdose deaths in the city in 2014, a slight increase from last year's 788. Some 458 of them involved heroin, and 216

involved opioid analgesics — which include painkillers such as morphine and oxycodone.

Along with increasing access to naloxone, the city is authorized 1,000 providers to offer medication designed to stop opioid cravings and withdrawal symptoms, known as buprenorphine.

Staten Island resident James Brenker, 21, said he survived two overdoses at hospitals with naloxone treatment both times. Clean since 2013, Brenker went on to get his own training on how to administer the drug, training he said he used to save a friend's life.

"If I didn't have the kit right in front of me, the EMS said my friend would have died," Brenker said.

A statewide effort to equip law as many law enforcement and emergency responders with naloxone launched in 2014.

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# NY settles NYPD whistleblower suit

New York has agreed to pay a police officer more than \$280,000 to settle his lawsuit alleging he was the victim of retaliation for complaining about an illegal arrest quota in his precinct, according to court papers filed on Monday.

Officer Craig Matthews sued the city and its police department in 2012, asserting he was punished for telling his superiors in the Bronx that the quota had led to unjustified street stops and arrests.

The settlement, in which the city did not admit wrongdoing, came 10 months after a U.S. appeals court reinstated the lawsuit.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit
Court of Appeals in New
York reversed an earlier
lower court decision dismissing the case, saying
Matthews' comments
regarding the alleged
quota were protected by
the First Amendment
guaranteeing freedom
of speech.

The lawsuit claimed Matthews, who has been with the force for 17 years, was given punitive assignments, denied overtime and harassed as a result of his whistleblowing.

The claim was filed at a time when the New York City Police Department was under fire for its stop-and-frisk policy, which was eventually deemed an unconstitutional form of racial profiling by a federal judge.

"This settlement completely vindicates Officer Matthews, who had the courage to speak out about illegal police quotas and suffered serious retaliation for having done so," said Christopher Dunn of the New York Civil Liberties Union, who represented Matthews.

The city's law department did not immediately comment on the agreement.

The deal requires approval from a U.S. judge.

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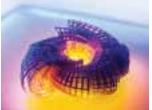
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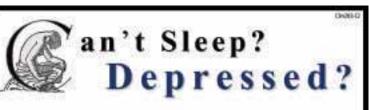
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# FBI says shooters were radicalized for 'some time'

The FBI savs the shooters were radicalized but no sign of international plot.

Investigators the married couple who massacred 14 people in Southern California last week — the U.S.-born husband and his Pakistani wife — had been radicalized "for some time," but no evidence has yet emerged of an international plot, the FBI said on Monday.

The latest disclosures in the FBI-led investigation came as San Bernardino County employees began returning to work under tighter security, five days after a co-worker, Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, and his spouse opened fire with assault-style rifles on a holiday gathering of his colleagues.

The couple were killed in a shootout with police several hours after their attack on Wednesday morning in a conference room at the Inland Regional Center social services agency in San Bernardino, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

The FBI said last week that authorities are investigating the mass shooting as an "act of terrorism," noting that Farook's Pakistani-born wife, Tashfeen Malik, 29, was believed to have





Sved Rizwan Farook HANDOU

"I want to be crystal clear here: We do not see any evidence so far of ... an outside-continental-U.S. plot. We may find it some day, we may not. We don't know."

pledged allegiance on Facebook to the leader of the militant group Islamic State.

In addition to five firearms recovered by investigators, law enforcement officers also have seized the thousands of rounds of ammunition along with explosives and other materials for making numerous pipe bombs.

Questions have been raised about the extent to which Farook, who was born in Illinois to Pakistani immigrant parents and grew up in Southern California, might have been acting under the influence of Malik, whom he married in Saudi Arabia in the summer of 2014 and then returned with to the United States

But David Bowdish, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Los Angeles office, said on Monday that investigators "both subjects were radicalized and had been for some time.'

He said it remained to be seen whether they were indoctrinated by other individuals or turned to extremist ideology on their own.

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# How to turn your job experience into college credits

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The operative word here is relevant. These skills must equate to either a general education course or a course within your major area of study. So, if you're working toward a business degree, then corporate training you received at a prior job may transfer into col-

lege credit.
"Having to take every course for every credit made the attainment of the degree especially long and, in some cases, frustrating," says Kathleen Walker, a business student at CUNY's School of Professional Studies. But by going for the PLA option, Walker was able to get credits for a class called Writing at Work through the tasks she did at her job. 'This afforded the time



PLA, or Prior Learning Assessment, allows students to get college credits through their job. ISTOCK

and energy to spend on another class, thus fulfilling the curriculum a little faster.

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The gist here is that your prior knowledge and experience just might buy you some free college credits. For those of us contemplating finishing a bachelor's degree, this could be a game changer. "Because of PLA, I

will graduate a semester early," says Shanntell Hamilton, a student

earning a BA in Communication and Media. "PLA has also given me the confidence that no matter your age or circumstance, you can take your experience and go back to school to achieve your goals.

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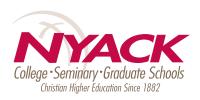
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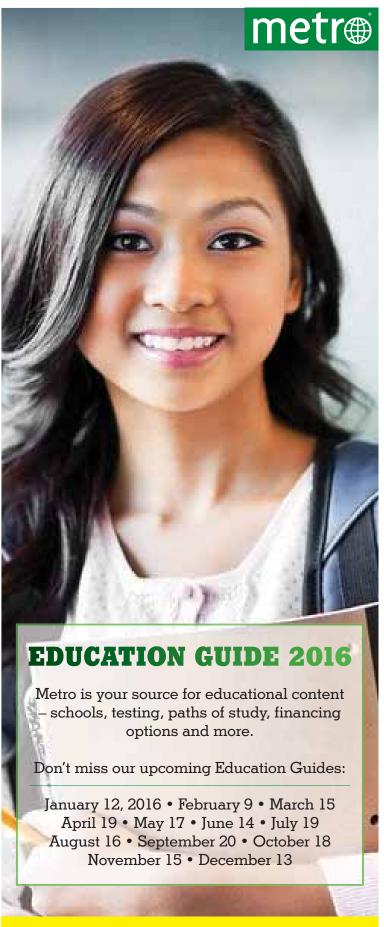
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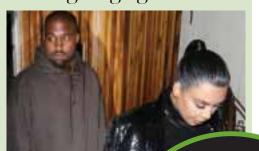




## Days after Saint West arrives, Kim and Kanye are arguing again

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West have barely had time to announce the ridiculous name (Saint West) for their newborn son, and they're reportedly already squabbling about what to do next with their family. And apparently it comes down to whether or not Kardashian will get pregnant again - something she reportedly didn't want to do to begin with for baby No. 2, according to Radar Online. "Everyone knows she was dead set on adoption, but Kanye pleaded for her to get pregnant again and she caved in," a source says. "Now she's putting her foot down and has insisted surrogacy or adoption would be the only way she'll consider adding to their family down the line.'

Apparently her expe-



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rience bringing Saint to term has only solidified her position. "Kim's final trimester has been so uncomfortable, it's taken a major toll on her body and made her vow never to go through this hell again," the source explains. "She had no idea it would be this difficult in terms of destroying her self-esteem." Sounds rough.

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Justin Bieber's throwback posting is getting creepy

I know this seems weird coming from me, but guys? I'm worried about Justin Bieber. As news of ex-girl-friend Selena Gomez's new romance with One Direction member Niall Horan begins to spread, Bieber can't seem to stop himself from posting more and more throwback pics rife with nostalgia-filled longing. The latest? A 2012 photo of the pair holding hands while out and about, posted to Instagram with the caption "crazy throwback." Is it, though, Justin? Is it so crazy? Do you need to talk about something?





#### Santa Baby

Ryan Gosling really, really believes in Santa Claus in this hilarious "SNL" Digital Short featuring him and Vanessa Bayer as neighborhood newcomers sending a Christmas party from superawkward to

downright terrifying. Watching exactly how excited they get - in a very grownup way — at the notion that Kris Kringle is actually upstairs and willing to meet them is delightful, but when the whole thing turns into a Tarantino-style hostage situation? Priceless.

## Why Adele didn't get any **Grammy nominations**

When the Grammy nominations were announced vesterday, fans of Taylor Swift and The Weeknd were certainly thrilled. But a tone of discord quickly spread across social media as Adele acolytes began protesting the "Hello" singer's seeming snub when she didn't receive a single nomination for the hit single or

her new album, 25." But really, Twitterverse, calm down. Adele's latest recordbreaking work isn't eligible until next year's

Grammys, as this year's honors work released between Oct. 1, 2014 and Sept. 30, 2015 which I'm guessing Taylor Swift is thrilled about. You can expect an Adele sweep in about a year or so.



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Brazilian supermodel Alessandra Ambrosio is vamping backstage at the Victoria's Secret fashion show, flashing her milliondollar style and making it all look a breeze. But it turns out that preparing to walk the VS runway is kinda like training for a marathon: intense. Here, the 34-year-old beauty tells us how she gets into fighting shape.

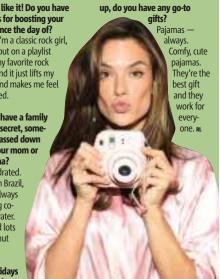
#### How do you prepare for the big show?

The past week has been crazy. I made an appointment with my dermatologist. I got a facial, a crystal peel. I've been working out even more than usual and eating healthy - lots of green juices, lean proteins, chia bars. If I'm really hungry and need a snack I'll grab one of those chia bars. Got a spray tan, got some highlights in my hair. It's a lot of work doing this show!

Sounds like it! Do you have any tips for boosting your confidence the day of? Music! I'm a classic rock girl, and I'll put on a playlist full of my favorite rock songs and it just lifts my mood and makes me feel Do you have a family

beauty secret, something passed down from your mom or grandma? Stay hydrated. I'm from Brazil, so I'm always drinking coconut water. Lots and lots of coconut

The holidays are coming



#### AN "ANGEL'S" CHRISTMAS

All Candice Swanepoel wants for Christmas is her fiancé, Hermann Nicoli. Actually, the South African model, whose name is usually preceded by the words "blonde bombshell," is more into giving than receiving. Here, the 27-year-old tells us about love, lingerie and why less is indeed more.

#### What do you think is the best thing to unwrap? My fiancé

What's the best thing for a guy to unwrap on Christmas

A car

So, are you buying your fiancé a car? Oh, no, no, no! [Laughs]

How do you feel about novelty lingerie during the



#### festive season?

You know what, I'm actually not a big Christmassy person, I usually just use the opportunity to travel and run away.

#### What's the best present you've ever been given?

Probably a vintage piece of jewelry that's been in my family for a long time. It was my grandmother's wedding ring. She passed away; now I

#### What's the best gift you've received from a man?

We don't really do presents anymore ... my fiancé and I. We're kind of "less is more." But during the year, I'll give something as a surprise.

#### What gift do you use as a treat for yourself after a big assignment?

A massage — that's my weakness. I love massages. CAROLINE JUMPERTZ, MWN



#### VS'S NEXT TOP MODEL



Gigi Hadid (left) strikes a pose backstage with newbie Rachel Hilbert (right).

tomorrow.

Twenty-year-old Rachel Hilbert is the new face of PINK, and she's walking her first VS fashion show tonight. We caught up with her before her big debut.

What have you been doing to prepare for the show? Mostly just resting — and eating well. Avoiding carbs. I can't wait to eat a pizza

#### When do you feel sexiest?

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# Vincent Piazza heads home

The "Boardwalk Empire" actor returned to Oueens for the true crime story "The Wannabe."



One of the standout scenes in the indie "The Wannabe" finds its mafia-infatuated antihero, Thomas, spotting Eric Roberts in a bar. Thomas is a big fan of the actor's work in the 1984 crime classic "The Pope of Greenwich Village," so he approaches him, all the while calling him by his character's name.

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Vincent Piazza, who plays Thomas. "Some people, when they meet me, they speak to me, but mostly in terms of the plot of the show I'm on," Piazza tells us. When Piazza was on "Boardwalk Empire," he says people would be shocked to discover he's polite and friendly, i.e., nothing like his character, gangster Lucky Luciano. "There was always a

moment of, 'You're him?' What did you expect, that I'd walk in with that archaic accent?"

At least with "The Wannabe," Piazza has some connection to the material. It tells the story of Thomas and Rosemarie Uva, a Queens couple



Piazza and Patricia Arquette play a couple in over their heads in "The Wannabe," now on VOD. ENTERTA

sticking up mafia society halls. They were called a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde. Eventually they were whacked.

A native of Maspeth, Queens, Piazza was around when the Uvas were knocking about. But

"The Wannabe" - which stars Patricia Arquette as Rosemarie — doesn't stick to the letter of the story, and Piazza says their tale was more an entryway into looking back at that period of time in New York history, when the John Gotti trial had become a media circus and the old kind of NYC mob was fading away.

It also explores pop culture's obsession with organized crime through movies and iconography. Thomas is introduced sitting in on the Gotti trial, staring at him as if he were James Cagney.

"At what point do the lines blur? Are modern mobsters acting like the movies?" Piazza asks. "Here's a kid who's taking cues from both sides: how to dress like this mobster, how to act from this guy on TV. There's a weird soup he was a part of."

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#### King of Queens

Piazza no longer lives in Queens, and he's not as connected to the borough as he once was. But he knows it well enough to sense that it has changed dramatically.

"It feels more modern," he explains. "Back then, the neighborhoods were very compartmentalized. There were many ethnicities, but they were in different sections and blocks." Today, the different groups are more open to mixing together. "I'd be curious to see what a teenager's point of view from the neighborhood today would make of this film — if any of that stuff exists anymore.

"The Wannabe" isn't the first film about the Uvas. Only last year, there was "Rob the Mob," with Michael Pitt and Nina Arianda as Thomas and Rosemarie. Piazza admits to still not having seen it,

though he's aware it's more comedic, a little sweeter, not as dark as the film starring him. "There were so many liberties taken with our story," Piazza says. "It would be scary if they





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of gangster movies Piazza

could draw from, but he

cites as a major influence

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Martin Scorsese's "King of

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Comedy," comparing Thomas to Robert

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Pupkin. "I saw

them as kins,

these characters,

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they pursued was

very different,"

he says.

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# Can you eat too healthy?

Being obsessed with what you eat could make you sick.



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Clean and green have been the buzzwords of the nutrition world for years, showing up in increasingly complicated diets, meal plans and cleanses. While we can all use a bit more kale (and, let's be honest, veggies in general) in our lives, if you're obsessed with every ingredient on your plate, you could have an eating disorder called orthorexia.

The condition, coined in 1997 by Dr. Steven Bratman, takes healthy eating

to the extreme, and is to an extent triggered by our overwhelming cultural preoccupation with eating clean.

"It's an obsession about choosing foods for their purity, their cleanliness or lack of toxicity," explains Sondra Kronberg, a clinical nutrition therapist with the American National Eating Disorders Association.

This "drive for purity and wholeness," as Kronberg calls it, is something that Jordan Younger is familiar with. Better known as The Blonde Vegan, the successful blogger was a fervent juice-cleanser and under constant pressure to be a role model for the meat-free community. It all became too much



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when Younger realized that her clean lifestyle was controlling her life.

"I had developed many fears surrounding food due to my very strict labeled plant-based vegan diet, and I was becoming more and more limited over time in what I was comfortable eating," she says.

Eventually, physical symptoms like losing her period, thinning hair and chronic fatigue appeared. Omitting entire food groups can damage the body, in extreme cases causing muscle and mineral losses.

Like most eating disorders, orthorexia isn't entirely about what you do and don't eat, but the amount of torment that goes on inside your head.

"I was at a relatively healthy weight," says Younger, whose new book, "Breaking Vegan," chronicles her food journey. "My orthorexia got in the way of my friendships, relationships, family life, work, passions and more."



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Although I indulge in watching viral videos, I rarely play them more than once. But I can't seem to stop watching Adele fooling a bunch of her own impersonators by pretending to be one of them. There is something Shakespearean in the way she dons a prosthetic nose and chin, feigns a bad case of nerves, and then jolts her audience into ecstatic recognition with a raspy refrain of "To Make You Feel My Love."

One of the reasons I love this video so much is that many of us, including yours truly, are like Adele, hiding our inner rock star until the moment when we can reveal ourselves and be recognized for our magnificence.

We all wear masks that we show to the world, reflecting various aspects of ourselves. The mask we show to our colleagues — for example, strength and confidence — may be different from the one we show to our friends and relatives, who get to see our more charming, self-effacing neuroticism.

Sometimes, these masks are worn intentionally, and for

good reasons — you wouldn't discuss your recently broken heart with a job recruiter. They can also be a way to cope. Many children begin to wear masks when they feel their natural self will not be loved and accepted. A little girl may smile if she knows that expressing fear, anger or sadness would be met with scorn, disapproval or something much worse.

Yet these masks prevent others from really seeing us, which leads to feelings of loneliness and isolation. We can even become so accustomed to our masks that we begin to mistake them for who we really are.

We all have gifts and the capacity to give. So many of my clients secretly wish to remove their masks and, like Adele, be received by adoring fans. It's the same for love on a smaller, more personal scale, which becomes possible only through courageous honesty and faith in the worthiness of what we have to share

In fact, a growing body of research popularized by best-selling author Brene Brown

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actually shows that taking off our masks to reveal our vulnerability is the path to successful relationships. Moreover, such exposure has a domino effect: Taking off our masks inspires others to do the same.

We all need to be seen and appreciated for our authentic selves; it's what drives personal growth. In this season of celebrating peace and light, may we all take a cue from Adele by grabbing the microphone, tapping into our heart and belting out that special song only we can sing.

# MLS is now truly 'Major League'

A look at how America's soccer league has grown from then, to now.



Doug Logan is sitting in his office, talking about his adventures from the early days of MLS. He's looking at a picture from 20 years ago, an image that dates back to the league's inaugural season. The nostalgia crackles through the phone line as he describes a photo on his wall.

It is a photo of Logan, the league's first-ever commissioner, with Alexi Lalas, a United States national team defender who was one of the new league's brightest stars. He goes into detail about what he is looking at: Lalas is wearing a T-shirt that read "East," denoting which conference he was suiting-up for in the league's first All-Star Game. Lalas was sporting his trademark long locks and goatee back then. Logan is smiling. Lalas and Logan are in the foreground of the picture, a packed Giants Stadium behind them.

"Those days" were two decades ago, a generation of fans growing from kicking soccer balls — in what was then an oddity of a sport — into a nation that is very quickly learning to love the world's game.

On Sunday, the league celebrated its 20th MLS Cup, the culminating moment of the season. Logan oversaw the league starting in 1995, 16 months before the first match kicked off in San Jose. From there, the league has grown quite a lot. In many ways, it doesn't look much like the MLS that Logan helped kickstart.

The league now sits at 21 teams, up from the 10 teams that originally entered the league. There are new team names, three underperforming clubs have contracted, MLS introduced a new logo last year and attendance is steadily going up — as is sponsorship revenue. The league is now attracting superstar players.

By every mark, MLS is, in fact, Major League. But it wasn't always that way.

In those early days, Logan remembers multiple teams being owned by a single ownership group. Some places like Kansas City, which now routinely sells-out its soccer-specific stadium, struggled to get a couple thousand fans into massive Arrowhead Stadium. Soccer was still a big roll of the dice, a sport that was played by kids and watched by select groups but seemed foreign to most sports fans.

Despite the struggles of the early days, Logan led an ownership group that was committed to a vision. They wanted slow and steady growth.

"We knew that we were on embarking on a generational project. The project itself would take a generation — or two — for it to gel. Which quite honestly is no different than any other league that represent themselves as



New York/New Jersey MetroStars goaltender Tony Meola looks on during a 1996 game against the New England Revolution at Foxboro Stadium. GETTY IMAGES

agent," Logan told Metro by phone last week.

"The NBA, started in 1946, by 1961 they were doing delayed broadcasts on TV. They were still schlepping back and forth between Rochester and Buffalo.

"We knew that it would have to go through a generation or two of gradual growth. Despite the desire of some in the public and some pundits, there was no instant breakthrough. You don't just throw the ball on the pitch and have instant success."

He called himself "incredibly confident" early on that success would come. And by success, he meant that the league would be able to get by

until the next year. Then the year after that. Then the year after that.

Now, MLS is boldly talking about being a top league in the world within a decade's time.

The early years saw MLS try to lure the family checkbook to their stadiums as most of the marketing played toward youth players and their parents. But in recent years, the league has clearly gone after a more hardcore audience.

Logan said it was a

mistake for the league to not embrace the tribal passion of soccer earlier on, instead focusing on making the early days of MLS about family enter-

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tainment.

"The family side of things, you find no sport with that as a backdrop, Logan said. "Successful sports have interesting metrics with regards to how you measure them. Focusing on people who treat the following of this sport in a tribal way is ultimately how you're going to be successful. There is tribalism in Seattle, there is tribalism in Portland, there is tribalism in Vancouver, there is tribalism in D.C.







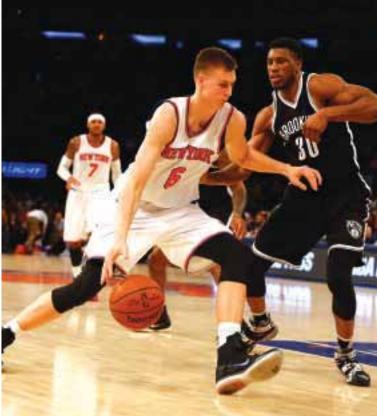
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#### Knicks notebook

- While Kristaps Porzingis favors very well to Pau Gasol on the defensive end due to his ability to block shots straight-up or from the weakside (and for his ambidextrous ways), the rookie is definitely similar to Dirk Nowitzki on the offensive end. A look inside the numbers actually reveals that Porzingis is actually ahead of Nowitzki in regards to their respective maiden seasons. Dallas' future Hall of Famer only played in 47 games in his rookie season, averaging 8.2 points and shooting 40 percent from the field. He improved drastically in his second season, when he shot 46.1 percent and averaged 17.5 points and 6.5 rebounds. But looking at Porzingis' current rookie numbers of 14 points, 9.2 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game in 21 contests — while shooting 44 percent — it bodes well for the rookie's career arc.
- The Knicks need to continue to ascend and get into the playoffs this season as they traded their 2016 first-round draft pick to Toronto in 2013 in the Andrea Bargnani deal. Obviously, if they miss the postseason they won't be rewarded with a high pick.



Kristaps Porzingis has been the driving force behind the Knicks' early season success. GETTY IMAGES

# Knicks not satisfied with being average

There's a playoffsor-bust mentality at the Garden this season.



Knicks head coach Derek Fisher is a five-time NBA champion, so when he speaks, his players listen.

Fisher, who admits that he's still learning on the job during his second season as the head man, said that while the team has "drastically" improved from a year ago at this time, hovering around the .500 mark still isn't good enough.

The Knicks are an improved lot for sure, as their 10th victory of last season didn't come until Feb. 1, their 48th contest.

That's a stark improvement. But the ultracompetitive Fisher said he needs more. He noted that the team "isn't shooting for .500 ... because our goal isn't to be average."

He added that he'll continue to push his squad

and expects them to not only beat the teams they should — like the Sixers and Nets last week — but also top-tier opponents.

"We've been able to get some wins early. We're trying to find multiple ways to make the [opposing] defense work. Once we have multiple guys doing that, it'll make the game easier for everybody," Fisher said, noting that rookie Kristaps Porzingis has been a great complement to Carmelo Anthony. "Success always brings a little more of a spotlight, which means teams will soon start to key on him more, too. But that's the goal, to make us a more well-rounded and effective group."

As Porzingis continues to emerge, the Knicks will get more balanced and actually make Anthony even more of an effective player. Point guard Jose Calderon has reveled like a proud papa in helping Porzingis find his way. Calderon is one of the league's best teammates, as he's always subjugated his ego for the betterment of the

team. He's thrilled to see Porzingis' development because he knows it'll make his job easier and improve the team.

Calderon, a Spanish national team member who played with Pau Gasol and was a former teammate of Dirk Nowitzki's in Dallas, said he definitely sees the comparisons — and is more than happy to help Porzingis reach those lofty heights, as it ultimately helps the Knicks get to where they want to be.

"His game is similar to both," Calderon said of Porzingis, before adding that "Kristaps is better [when comparing the 20-year old to the two future Hall of Famers at the same age].

"It took Pau a little bit longer to get those big numbers," Calderon said, noting Porzingis' penchant for already garnering double-doubles and game-high block totals. "Pau was the Rookie of the Year his first year ... Kristaps is [having] a good start. But let's see where we are at the end of the year."

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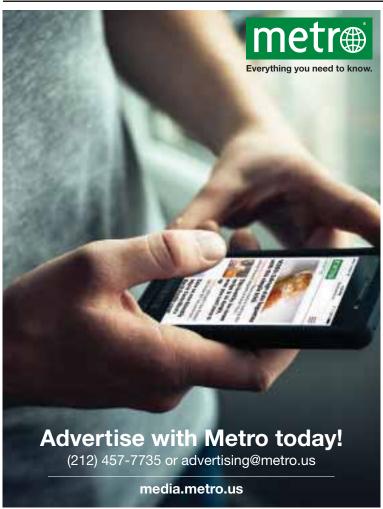
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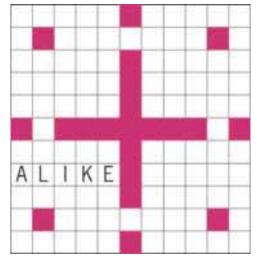
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#### fill-ins

Place all the words listed into the grid. Each word can be used once only. The first word has been filled in.



5 Letters	Emery
Alike	Every
Amble	Hello
Amuse	Lapel
Blast	Later
Bribe	Longs
Dirty	Lover
Eking	Olden

Order Pixie Pulse Purge Recap Reels Shred Snubs

1 2001, to Livy

5 In a ferment

6 — -do-well

8 Peeved

9 Like slate

7 Compensate

10 Bugging off

11 Aleut language

12 Marsh stalker

13 Selects a card

21 Overshadows

22 PC messages

24 Broadcast portion

30 Like some accidents

34 "My Cherie —" (Stevie

29 Snaked around

32 Conked out

33 Nightmare

25 Fallback strategy (2 wds.)

23 Shinny

2 Many many years

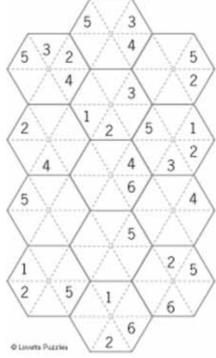
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Sober Soppy Sport Spout Tents Terms Ulcer Unite Vixen

**7 Letters**Enlarge
Espouse
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Fit the numbers 1 to 6 into each hexagon so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers are the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.

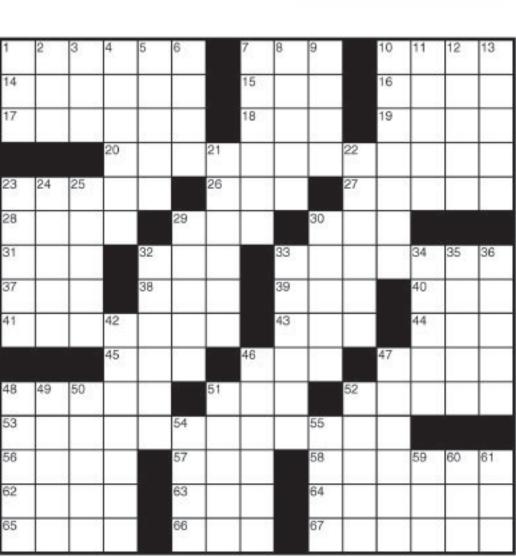


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#### Across

- 1 Street divider
- 7 Internet suffix
- 10 Told a whopper
- 14 Chocolate dessert
- 15 Fragrant tree
- 16 MIT grad
- 17 Natural 18 Gulf st.
- 19 Mystique
- 20 Big picture (2 wds.)
- 23 Heist, slangily
- 26 Wk. day
- 27 Oven gloves
- 28 Slow time
- 29 Angkor —
- 30 It may blow hard
- 31 Wyo. neighbor
- 32 In honor of 33 Paper-folding art
- 37 Andy Gump's wife
- 38 Wiedersehen
- 39 Family mem.
- 40 Beauty pack 41 Spools
- 43 "— Rheingold"
- 44 Pizarro's quest
- 45 Advanced deg.
- 46 "I saw a mouse!" 47 Two-way
- 48 One-celled plants
- 51 Santa winds
- 52 Bikini sporters
- 53 Cumulonimbus 56 Lecture
- 57 -Magnon
- 58 Pilot's position
- 62 Atlas dot
- 63 Mortar trough 64 Glamour
- 65 Flung
- 66 Have debts
- 67 Gave off fumes
- Wonder tune) 35 Fresco 36 Goddesses' statues 42 Bed covering 46 Make unreadable, for security 47 Toy with 48 Upper room 49 Tibet's capital 50 Beach scavengers 51 Silent projectile 52 Deceitful cunning 54 Canyon reply 55 Gen. — Bradley 59 Puffin kin 60 Umbrage 61 Flaming

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Aries Save for a rainy day and do your best to put your financial affairs in order. Prepare to head into the upcoming year free from problems.

**Taurus** Spend time with the people you enjoy being with most. Lend a helping hand to groups in your community geared toward helping the elderly.

Gemini A change regarding your position may cause concern. Jump from one thing to another to ensure that you don't lose momentum financially.

Cancer Everything will work in your favor if you go about your business. Picking up items that will enhance your looks should be on your agenda.

Leo You know what's best for you, and anyone trying to curtail your freedom or your ability to advance must be put in his or her place.

Virgo Getting together with people who share the same concerns or interests will enable you to explore new ventures or prospects.

> Libra Scan the want ads or online job postings in order to discover something of interest. An energetic activity will help you ease stress.

Scorpio Share your thoughts and follow through with a plan. Preparing for the end of a year can be daunting if you leave everything to the last minute.

Sagittarius Use moderation in all that you do. Distance yourself from emotional melodramas. Help others, but don't make unrealistic promises.

Capricorn Partnerships and tactics will decide your future. If you broaden your outlook, share your innovative ideas and step up to the plate.

**Aquarius** Questionable situations will have to be dealt with carefully. Do your research and don't depend on others to come up with solutions.

Pisces Personal improvements will help you gain the confidence needed to head in a direction that you only dreamed about in the past. EUGENIA LAST

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